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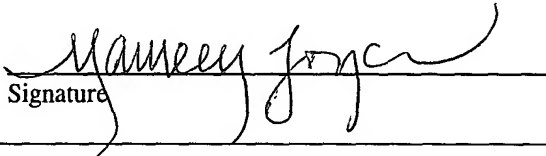
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In the Claims

Applicants present the claims as amended below and encloses a set of marked-up claims with bracketing and underlining.

Please rewrite claims 14, 17, 19, and 36 as indicated below:

14. The article as in claim 1, wherein the nanowire further comprises a binding partner of an analyte in the sample.

17. The article as in claim 14, wherein the binding partner comprises a chemical group on the nanowire surface, wherein the chemical group is selected from groups consisting of -OH, -CHO, -COOH, -SO₃H, -CN, -NH₂, -SH, -COSH, COOR, and Halide.